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#### **STATE OF DELAWARE**

**BOARD OF PLUMBING AND HVACR EXAMINERS** 

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF PLUMBING & HVACR EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon

MINUTES APPROVED: February 14, 2017

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charles Robbins, Professional Member, President Harold Caswell, Professional Member, Vice President Frank Beebe, Professional Member John Mills, Professional Member James Anderson, Public Member Sheila Littleton, Public Member Matthew Reilly, Professional Member

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Brady, Public Member Craig Tenaro, Professional Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Luke Vannicola, Applicant Michael Rash, Applicant

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Robbins called the meeting to order at 8:42 am.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the November 1, 2016 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposed to Deny Hearing- Michael Rash

The PTD hearing for Mr. Rash went on record at 8:43 a.m., with introduction of the board members. Mr. Rash was sworn in at 8:46 a.m. Mr. Rash presented the board with an explanation

and a packet regarding his experience. At 8:58 a.m., the board went into deliberations. The hearing resumed at 9:02 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills to approve Mr. Rash to sit for the bypass exam. The motion carried unanimously.

### Re-Review of Applications

#### Luke Vannicola, Master HVACR

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Reilly, to approve Mr. Vannicola to take the Master HVACR exam. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Review of Examination Applications- HVACR

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills, to approve Robert Edgar III to take the Master HVACR Bypass exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to approve the Master HVACR application of Charles Sternberg contingent upon proof of universal CFC card. The motion carried unanimously.

## Review of Examination Applications- Plumbing

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills, to approve Robert Edgar III to take the Master Plumbing Bypass exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills, to amend the agenda to add Matthew Everett to the agenda for review. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to approve Matthew Everett to take the Master Plumber Bypass exam, contingent upon proof that his supervisor held a Maryland license for a minimum of 7 years of Mr. Everett's experience. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Review of Reciprocity Applications- HVACR

A motion was made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Caswell, to propose to deny the Master HVACR application of Stefan Boyadjiev. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Mills, to propose to deny the Master HVACR application of Gregory Dale Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to ratify the applications of:

- Jerry Dorsey Jr., MD, Master HVACR
- Joshua Busch, MD, Master HVACR
- Lucus German, MD, Master HVACR
- Robert Hagis, MD, Master Plumber
- Reginald Friend, MD, Master HVACR
- Robert Thompson, MD, Master HVACR
- Kenneth McNutly, MD, Master HVACR

The motion carried unanimously.

#### Request to Lift Suspension- David Mitchell

A motion was made by Mr. Caswell, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to lift the suspension and request that David Mitchell pay the renewal fee determined by DPR, to become active again. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Examination- Passing Results**

The board reviewed the examination results that showed out of 5 Master HVACR candidates, 2 had passing scores. Out of 2 Master HVACR Restricted candidates, 0 had a passing score. Out of 1 Master Plumber candidate, one had a passing score.

- Brian Holleger- Master HVACR
- Jason Kahn- Master HVACR
- Vincent Giovannozzi- Master Plumber

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

## Inquiry from William Messner

The board reviewed the letter from Mr. Messner asking for a waiver to install equipment in his own home. If the waiver cannot be obtained he would like to request that his application be withdrawn. The board responded that they do not have the authority to waive anything dealing with licensure or rebates. Ms. Brown stated that she will follow the necessary steps to withdrawal the application.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

#### Carbon Monoxide- Fire Marshall

Mr. Robbins advised that effective 1/1/17 it is required that home builders provide all buyers the option to have installed a residential sprinkler system in their home. A plumber may install the sprinkler system once it is approved by the Designer or the Fire Marshall.

## Consideration of Legislative Sub-Committee

Mr. Maloney advised that the board should consider what changes are needed to the statute, as well as the rules and regulations, before we assemble a legislative sub-committee. Some possible changes that were listed were changes to Sections 1808, 1810, and in the plumbing section, mention an alternate proof of experience just as it is listed in the HVACR section.

#### Bypass Exam- Reexamination

The board stated that applicants who do not earn a passing score on the bypass exam may retake it two additional times, at the next regularly scheduled administrations, without further Board approval. An applicant who does not pass after three attempts must reapply to the Board for permission to retake the exam. Such applicants may not reapply after one year has passed from the date he or she last took the exam.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on February 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

## **ADJOURN**MENT

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded Mr. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Latonyra Brown

Administrative Specialist II